

Exhibit 7

Special Waste Waiver

Dan Ryan Expressway (FAI 94 / 90)

From 31st Street to I-57 / Halsted and I-94 / M.L.K. Drive

Environmental Justice

Potential disproportionate impacts to low-income and minority populations were evaluated in accordance with Executive Order 12898 "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations". The project area was evaluated to establish whether or not low-income and minority populations are present and what, if any, potential impacts to these residents may result from the project. The area extends through the south side of Chicago, with a northern terminus just south of I-55/ I-90/94 interchange extending to I-57 as the southern terminus. The following 'Chicago Community Areas' (a Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission designation), or neighborhoods are adjacent to the project area: Armour Square, Fuller Park, Englewood, Greater Grand Crossing, Chatham, Roseland, Pullman, and Washington Heights. Income and racial characteristics for these communities as reported in the 2000 Census are shown in **Table 1**.

Table 1
Chicago Neighborhoods Affected by the Dan Ryan Improvement

<i>Census Tract #</i>	<i>Median Family Income - \$'s</i>	<i>Families Below Census Poverty Level - %</i>	<i>Minority** - % Black</i>	<i>Minority** - % Other Minority</i>
3402	27,639	24.7	4.8	88.9
3403	42,188	16.8	70.7	2.3
3404	23,073	29.2	0.1	74.2
3405	42,063	19.1	26.7	13.6
3406	15,129	58.1	97.6	0.9
3503	60,917	4.3	80.3	10.5
3504	9,726	65.9	98.7	0.5
3505	(not reported -nr)	(nr)	(nr)	(nr)
3506	14,375	42.3	28.9	31.6
3514	11,823	62.7	97.0	2.3
3515	8,295	71.7	99.1	0.6
3701	32,279	29.9	97.1	1.3
3702	25,313	35.1	95.1	4.0
3703	30,313	29.5	96.5	2.8
3704	24,091	30.6	90.0	8.0
3806	11,047	73.2	98.6	1.6
3816	10,370	87.1	99.8	----
3817	5,688	92.7	99.1	0.8
4002	9,896	75.5	99.3	1.6
4004	18,750	43.9	98.4	0.9
4005	24,231	36.9	98.2	0.5
4006	26,389	33.3	95.6	2.4
4007	16,985	52.8	97.7	0.5



Illinois Department of Transportation

Memorandum

To: Michael Hine Attn: Larry Piche
From: John P. Kos By: Michael J. Matkovic
Subject: Special Waste Waiver Request*
Date: May 28, 2003

FAI 94 (Interstate Route 94) (Dan Ryan Expressway)
31st Street to Interstate Route 57
P-91-133-99
Cook County
ISGS #1106/A Sequence # 1344

We are requesting approval to waive waiting for the results of further special waste investigations prior to design approval per BDE Manual Section 27-2.06, Item 4. According to the PESA Review Memo for ISGS #1106, dated June 18, 2001 and ISGA #1106A, dated May 2, 2002, the ISGS detected contamination at several sites. Proposed excavation for the installation of signal foundations, drainage structures and roadway reconstruction will exceed the depth stipulations at these sites. This proposed improvement will occur on the existing alignment and does not include the purchase of any underground storage tanks. Right of way required from any contaminated parcel will not be acquired until the PSI, or subsequent studies are completed. This project is currently scheduled for an 09CY03 letting. **Note: The PSI was requested on December 4, 2002, this waiver is being requested solely to obtain Design Approval.**

Concur _____

Larry L. Piche
Environmental
Section Chief

Date _____ May 28, 2003 _____

Discuss _____

By:
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Note: The following applies if PESA date is six months old or more: Our district office has re-evaluated the project area for new releases (LUST and CERCLIS Sites), and new land uses of potential concern. We have not discovered new sites within the project area.